

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

In order to avoid those problems mentioned above, a maintenance system has been introduced. For example, as described in a Japanese Patent Application Disclosure P11-244276, a predetermined part of a medical diagnosis apparatus is quantitatively measured periodically and, when a measured value does not meet a predetermined reference value, a warning is displayed. Further, such a status is also automatically reported to a local maintenance provider. Still further, it is also known, ~~in a general maintenance field,~~ to the inventors that a future expectancy is predicted based on measured values and an advance response is performed according to a comparison between the future expectancy and a predetermined reference value.